

NATIONAL SCHOOLS, IRELAND (RELIGIOUS TEACHING).

RETURN to an Order of the Honourable The House of Commons,  
dated 28 May 1873;—for,

COPY "of all MINUTES and PROCEEDINGS from the 1st day of May 1866 to the present Time, relating to Changes of RULES or of PRACTICE as to RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION;"

"DATE when the CERTIFICATE BOOK of RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION was first brought into active Operation, Copy of such Book, and Copy of CIRCULARS to PATRONS and INSPECTORS relating thereto;"

"Copy of QUERY, if any, introduced into the form of INSPECTOR'S REPORT, with a view to record the Observance or Neglect of the Rules as to the Certificate Book;"

"And RETURNS of all SCHOOLS in which CERTIFICATES have been used, giving the following Particulars:—

County.	Total Number of Schools.	Total Number of Pupils.	Name of School.	Total Number of Children under Certificate in the Books on the 1st May 1873.	
				Roman Catholics denied by Certificate to receive Religious Instruction from Protestant Teachers.	Protestants denied by Certificate to receive Religious Instruction from Roman Catholic Teachers.
Total for County of	-	-			
Total for Province of	-	-			
Total for Ireland	-	-			

(Mr. O'Reilly.)

Ordered, by The House of Commons, to be Printed.  
10 August 1873.

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COPY of all MINUTES and PROCEEDINGS, from the 1st day of May 1866 to the present Time, relating to Changes of RULES or of PRACTICE as to RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION.

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MINUTE, dated 8th May 1866.

Pursuant to notice, the Marquis of Kildare moves the adoption by the Board of the following Rule :—

" No pupil who is registered by its parents or guardians as a member of the Established Church, as a Presbyterian, or as belonging to any other Protestant denomination, is to be permitted to remain in attendance during the time of religious instruction in case the teacher is a Roman Catholic; and no pupil who is registered by its parents or guardians as a Roman Catholic is to be permitted to remain in attendance during the time of religious instruction in case the teacher is not a Roman Catholic; and further, no pupil is to be permitted to remain in attendance during the time of any religious instruction to which its parents or guardians object."

" A parent or guardian may, however, at the time or times of registration, require the teacher so record the nature of the religious instruction which the child is to receive as well as the creed which it is to profess."

Ordered, that the further consideration of the question be adjourned to the next meeting, when the Commissioners are to resume their deliberation of the subject.

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MINUTE, dated 16th May 1866.

The Commissioners resume the consideration of the Marquis of Kildare's proposal for the alteration of the Rule 2, Part I., s. IV., which was under discussion at the last meeting of the Board.

The secretary reads a letter, 4316-66, from the Lord Bishop of Derry, dissenting from the change of rule as proposed by Lord Kildare, and suggesting the following rule for adoption, viz :—

" Religious instruction must be so arranged that each school shall be open to children of all communions; that due regard be had to parental right and authority; and, accordingly, no child shall be present at any religious instruction without the express sanction of its parents or guardians, and that the time for giving it be so fixed that no child shall be thereby, in effect, excluded, directly or indirectly, from the other advantages which the school affords."

The Resident Commissioner states that he has received a letter from Judge Fitzgerald, approving of the change of rule proposed by the Marquis of Kildare.

The Lord Chancellor suggests that the resolution should be introduced by the following words :—

" It appearing from a Return furnished to the House of Commons that a large number of children are in the habit of attending religious instruction given by teachers of a creed different from that of the children themselves, the Commissioners, under these circumstances, have felt themselves called upon to reconsider their rule regarding religious instruction."

The Commissioners approve of this suggestion.

Judge O'Hagan proposes, as an amendment, that instead of the resolution proposed by the Marquis of Kildare, the following rule, prefaced by the words suggested by the Lord Chancellor, be adopted by the Board :—

" No pupil who is registered by its parents or guardians as a Protestant, is to be permitted to remain in attendance during the time of religious instruction, in case the teacher giving such instruction is a Roman Catholic, and no pupil who is registered by its parents or guardians as a Roman Catholic is to be permitted to remain in attendance during the time of religious instruction, in case the teacher giving such instruction is not a Roman Catholic; and further, no pupil is to be permitted to remain in attendance during the time of any religious instruction to which its parents or guardians object."

Judge

Judge O'Hagan's amendment is carried, the following members voting in favour of it: Lord Bessborough, the Marquis of Kildare, the Lord Chancellor, Judge Longfield, Mr. Waldron, Judge O'Hagan, Lord Dunraven, Judge Monahan, Mr. Lentaigne, Mr. O'Hagan, and Mr. Macdonnell.

The following three Commissioners vote against the amendment: Rev. Dr. Henry, Mr. Gibson, and the Rev. Dr. Hall, who protest against the change of rule.

The Commissioners approve of the following changes and omissions being made in the existing rules, consequent on the adoption of the new rule as set forth in Judge O'Hagan's amendment.

Part L, & IV., Rule 2, instead of "no child shall be compelled to receive," &c., read, "a child shall receive," &c.

Rules 14, 15, 16, and 17 of the same section to be omitted, and Judge O'Hagan's amendment of the rule proposed by Lord Kildare to be placed after the present Rule 18. In the note after Rule 13, instead of "children whose parents," &c., read, "children who, according to these rules, should not be present thereat."

Ordered, that application be made to his Excellency the Lord Lieutenant for his sanction of the foregoing proposed alterations and amendment in the rules.

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MISCELLANEOUS, dated 22nd June 1866.

Read letter, No. 5164-66, from the Right Hon. C. Fortescue, Chief Secretary for Ireland, stating that the Lord Lieutenant would be prepared to sanction the change of rule regarding religious instruction, as conveyed in the Secretary's letter of the 23rd May, if a "proviso," in some such form as follows, be appended to the new rule:—

"Provided, however, that in case any parent or guardian shall express his desire that his child should receive any particular religious instruction, and shall record such desire in a book, to be provided in the school when necessary for that purpose, this prohibition shall not apply. The entry in the book shall be signed with the name or mark of the parent or guardian, and the book shall be submitted to the inspector so often as he visits the school."

Read also letter, No. 5448-66, from the Rev. Dr. Henry, expressing his opinion that the above proviso will have a beneficial effect, and that it should be adopted by the Board.

Ordered, that the words of the proviso submitted by the Chief Secretary be approved, inserting after the word "apply" (seventh line) the following words, "to the time during which such religious instruction only is given," and with a note, as follows:—

"Such expression of desire may at any time be revoked by the parent or guardian, and shall thereupon become inoperative."

Ordered, further, that the Lord Lieutenant be informed that the Commissioners have passed the following resolution in connection with the question under consideration:—

"That whilst the rule adopted by the Board appears to the Commissioners to furnish the most efficient means for guarding from the suspicion of proselytism a system of separate religious and combined secular instruction, the Commissioners accept, in deference to the wishes of the Lord Lieutenant, the 'proviso' suggested in the Chief Secretary's letter, in the hope that it will not interfere with the practical operation of the rule. The Commissioners, however, will feel it to be their duty to propose the repeal of the 'proviso,' if the rule, as modified, should prove in any manner inadequate to the accomplishment of its object."

Read letter, No. 5133-66, from the Bishop of Derry, requesting that a copy of his letter of the 12th May last may be sent with the Return to the Order of the House of Commons, calling for the new rule respecting religious instruction.

Ordered, that the Bishop of Derry be informed that the Commissioners regret they are prevented by the terms of the Order of the House of Commons from sending his letter of the 12th May; but that a note has been appended to the names of the Commissioners who protested against the change of rule, as follows:—

"Note.—The Bishop of Derry, in a letter addressed by him to the Board, expressed himself prepared to accede to a change of the rule; and with that view his Lordship submitted a proposition, which, however, was not adopted by the Commissioners."

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## RETURN RELATING TO RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION

MINUTE, dated 3rd July 1866.

READ letter, No. 5598-66, from the Right Hon. C. Fortescue, Chief Secretary for Ireland, containing the Lord Lieutenant's approval of the new rule in regard to religious instruction, with the proviso as suggested by his Excellency, and the addition suggested by the Commissioners.

Ordered, that the rules so altered (and omitting paragraph 14, Part IV., sect. III., repealed by Board's Order of 6th June), be printed for distribution.

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MINUTE, dated 9th October 1866.

A SPECIMEN is submitted of the proposed form of book (referred to in the new rule as to religious instruction), containing the certificate to be signed by the parents or guardians who wish the child to receive religious instruction from a teacher of a religious denomination different from the child, or from a teacher giving religious instruction different from that which is in accordance with the creed of the child.

Ordered, that the book be now approved, and that a supply be immediately procured.

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MINUTE, dated 26th February 1867.

READ letter, No. 2027-67, from Rev. Dr. Henry, stating that, in consequence of misunderstandings amongst inspectors and others regarding the new rule as to religious instruction, it would, in his opinion, require a re-consideration of the terms in which the rule is expressed.

Read letters, Nos. 986 and 1662-67, from William Miller, Esq., of Ahoghill, asking is the new rule with reference to religious instruction to have respect only to the distinction between Protestant and Roman Catholic children, or whether certificates must be prepared from Protestant parents of any denomination different from that of the teacher, when the latter is a Protestant.

Ordered, that Mr. Miller be informed that the object of the rule is more fully to carry out the general principle of the Board, that no child is to receive any religious instruction contrary to the wishes of its parent. Accordingly, the rule first provides for the case where the teacher is a Protestant and the child a Roman Catholic, or vice versa. In this case the dissent of the parent is implied, and no religious instruction can be given to a child by a teacher of the different creed unless the parent expressly requests it. But where the teacher and the child are both Protestants, whether of the same or of a different denomination, the dissent of the parent will not be implied; in this case religious instruction may be given to the child, unless the parent expressly forbids it. In each case, however, the assent or dissent, whether implied or expressed, may be modified by an entry, duly signed by the parent, in the certificate book of religious instruction. Cases may occur in which the conduct of the teacher, although not coming within the strict letter of the new rule, is obviously contrary to the general spirit of the National system, as, for instance, if instruction should be given in the catechism or creed of a different persuasion from that of the child.

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MINUTE, dated 16th February 1869.

THE Right Hon. the Earl of Dunraven gives notice that he will, at the meeting of the Board on the 2nd March, bring under consideration Rule 15, Part I., a. IV., as to religious instruction, for the purpose of removing the ambiguity which exists in its present wording, and which has resulted in opposite interpretations having been given by officers of the Board.

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## MINUTE, dated the 2nd March 1869.

The Earl of Dunraven, in accordance with the notice given by him at the meeting of the Commissioners on the 16th February, brings under consideration:—

"The Board's Rule 16, s. IV., Part I., for the purpose of removing the ambiguity which exists in its present wording, and which has resulted in opposite interpretations having been given by officers of the Board."

Submitted, that the following words be added after the words "parent or guardian" in the parenthesis at page 4:—

"This certificate is not requisite in the case of Protestants of different churches reading the Bible without denominational teaching."

Ordered, further, that a copy of this addendum be sent to each of the Commissioners, and that the question be considered again at the next meeting of the Board on the 9th March.

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## MINUTE, dated 9th March 1869.

The Commissioners resume the consideration of the resolution proposed at the meeting of the Board on the 2nd March, with reference to the Earl of Dunraven's motion respecting the ambiguity of Rule 16, s. IV., Part I., on the subject of religious instruction.

Ordered, that, having regard to the Minute of the Board of the 26th February 1867, in reply to a letter addressed by W. Miller, Esq., of Abeghill, asking for an explanation of the new rule as to religious instruction, it is not considered that any further interpretation of that rule is required.

Ordered, also, that a copy of the Minute of 26th February 1867, referred to, be sent to each inspector, and that it be inserted as a note to the words contained in the parenthesis (page 4) after the word "guardian," in the next edition of the rules of the Board: the note to be introduced by the words:—

"As some doubts have arisen as to the interpretation of the rule, attention is requested to the following Minute of the Board, dated the 26th February 1867; the object of the rule is more fully to carry out the general principle of the Board, that no child is to receive any religious instruction contrary to the wishes of its parent. Accordingly, the rule first provides for the case where the teacher is a Protestant, and the child a Roman Catholic, &c vice versa. In this case the dissent of the parent is implied, and no religious instruction can be given to a child by a teacher of the different creed, unless the parent expressly requests it. But when the teacher and the child are both Protestants, whether of the same or of a different denomination, the dissent of the parent will not be implied. In this case religious instruction may be given to the child unless the parent expressly forbids it. In each case, however, the assent or dissent, whether implied or expressed, may be modified by an entry, duly signed by the parent, in the certified book of religious instruction."

"Cases may occur in which the conduct of the teacher, although not coming within the strict letter of the new rule, is obviously contrary to the general spirit of the National system; as, for instance, if instruction should be given in the catechism or creed of a different persuasion from that of the child."

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## MINUTE dated 14th February 1871.

Read letter, No. 136-71, from G. A. Hume, Esq., M.D., Manager of the Diamond National School Company, Antrim, asking for directions as to the rule of religious instruction on the subject of the presence of pupils of one Protestant denomination in a school-room during the catechetical teaching of pupils of another Protestant denomination.

Ordered, that the Commissioners will not require that Protestant children of one denomination shall be removed from a school while Protestant children of another denomination are receiving catechetical instruction; provided the parents or guardians of the

children do not require their removal. The Commissioners in this, as in all cases, reserve to themselves the right of interfering when they apprehend that any abuse exists of the rule which recognises the right of the parents or guardians of children to prescribe the religious instruction they are or are not to receive.

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## — II. —

DATE when the CERTIFICATE BOOK of RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION was first brought into active operation, Copy of such Book, and Copies of CIRCULARS to PATRONS and INSPECTORS relating thereto.

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(A.)

DATE when the CERTIFICATE BOOK of RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION was first brought into active operation.

5 January 1867.

(See Circular of this date attached, p. 7.)

(B.)

COPY of "CERTIFICATE BOOK of RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION" is herewith forwarded.—(See pp. 9 to 11.)

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(C.)

COPIES of CIRCULARS to INSPECTORS relating to the use of the CERTIFICATE BOOK of RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION.

(The notification to patrons was by the issue of the revised rules and regulations of the Commissioners, a copy of which was furnished to each manager. The inspectors also were directed to distribute copies of the revised rules in large sheets for suspension on the walls of the National schools in their respective districts.)

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Office of National Education, 1 December 1866.  
A SUPPLY of the rules and regulations of the Commissioners of National Education to be hung up in each National school-room is herewith sent.

You will please take means to furnish each school in your district with a set of these rules to be posted over these now in use.

A quantity of these rules is now being mounted on mill boards, a supply of which will be forwarded to your depôt when ready.

Your particular attention is requested to the rules and regulations regarding religious instruction.

Six copies of the rules in 8vo. are now sent.

By Order,

(signed)      James Kelly,  
                        Wm. McCready, ] Secretaries.  
The Inspector of National Schools.

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Sir, Education Office, Dublin, 5 January 1867.  
We herewith send you a copy of the latest edition of the Board's Rules in which the new rules in respect to the religious instruction of the pupils of National schools are fully set forth.

We have to inform you that we have recently sent to every manager of a National school a similar copy of the Board's rules for each National school in his charge, and we have inscribed on each copy of the rules the name of the National school for which it was intended.

We have further supplied you with numerous copies of the sets of rules in large sheets for suspension on the walls of the National schools; and we presume you have already taken steps to distribute them amongst the schools of your district.

With a view of completing the arrangements for the immediate carrying out of the new rule, it now only remains for us to send you a supply of the "books" referred to in Rule Part I., Sec. IV., par. 15, and you are forthwith to take measures to supply each school with a copy, notifying the fact to us when you have received evidence of the receipt of the book by the teacher, and at the same time making a record of the circumstance in your district book.

We have now to direct your most careful attention to a due consideration of those new rules; and in conclusion, we have to instruct you to be most earnest and vigilant in performing promptly and impartially the important duty assigned to you as inspectors in the verification of the facts and the completion of the certificates in each case.

It need hardly be added that without the slightest delay you are to bring under the notice of the Board any infraction of the rule in question.

We are, &c.  
(signed) *Jane Kelly,* } Secretaries  
                  *Wm. McCready,*

Sir,  
Education Office, 5 March 1867.  
We enclose for your guidance a copy of a Minute of the Board, which has been embodied in communications addressed by us, within the past week, to several managers of National schools who applied for information regarding the operation of the new rule as to religious instruction.

To Inspector. We are, &c.  
(signed) James Kelly, }  
Wm. H. Nevell, } Secretaries

MINUTE of Board, dated 26th February 1867, explanatory of the New Rule as to  
Attendance of Pupils of National Schools at Religious Instruction.—Part I., s. IV.,  
Rule 15.

" The object of the rule is more fully to carry out the general principle of the Board, that no child is to receive any religious instruction contrary to the wishes of its parent.

"Accordingly the rule first provides for the case where the teacher is a Protestant, and the child a Roman Catholic, or vice versa. In this case the dissent of the parent is implied, and no religious instruction can be given to a child by a teacher of the different creed, unless the parent expressly requests it.

"But where the teacher and the child are both Protestants, whether of the same or of a different denomination, the dissent of the parent will not be implied. In this case religious instruction may be given to the child, unless the parent expressly forbids it.

"In each case, however, the assent or dissent, whether implied or expressed, may be modified by an entry duly signed by the parent in the certificate book of religious instruction. Cases may occur in which the conduct of the teacher, although not coming within the strict letter of the new rule, is obviously contrary to the general spirit of the National system; as, for instance, if instruction should be given in the catechism or creed of a different persuasion from that of the child."

(B. O.—14th February 1871.)

Sir,

We are directed to inform you that the Commissioners of National Education have made the following Minute on the subject of religious instruction between Protestants of different denominations attending the same school :—

"The Commissioners of National Education will not require that Protestant children of one denomination shall be removed from a National school while Protestant children of another denomination are receiving catechetical instruction, provided the parents or guardians of the former do not require their removal. The Commissioners in this case, as in all cases, reserve to themselves the right of interfering where they apprehend there exists any abuse of the rule which recognises the right of the parents or guardians to prescribe the religious instruction the children are or are not to receive."

To

Inspector.

Education Office, 17 February 1871.

We are, &c.

(signed)      James Kelly,  
                    W<sup>m</sup>. H. Newell, } Secretaries.

CERTIFICATE BOOK OF RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION.

**NATIONAL EDUCATION, IRELAND.**

School, \_\_\_\_\_  
Roll No. \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_

**RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION.**

**CERTIFICATES**

of

PARENT OR GUARDIAN, TEACHER AND INSPECTOR,

IN CASE A

**PARENT OR GUARDIAN**

should wish his Child to receive Religious Instruction from a Teacher who is of a different Religious Denomination from the Child, or from a Teacher who gives any Religious Instruction different from that which is in accordance with the Creed of the Child.

This Book is to be kept on the Teacher's Desk for the inspection of the Board's Officers, and of the Public generally.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILLING UP THE CERTIFICATES ON THE  
OPPOSITE PAGE ~~as~~

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- (1) Insert the Name of the Parent or Guardian who makes the Certificate.
- (2) Insert the Relationship of the Parent or Guardian; as,—“Father,” “Mother,” “Aunt,” &c.
- (3) Insert the Name of the Pupil.
- (4) Insert the Registered Religion of the Pupil.
- (5) Insert the Name of the National School.
- (6) Insert the Name of the Pupil again.
- (7) Insert in full the nature of the Religious Instruction; as,—The Holy Scriptures in the Authorised Version—The Roman Catholic Catechism—The Protestant Catechism, &c., &c. *This is to be written by the Parent or Guardian; but in case the Parent or Guardian cannot write it may be written by the Teacher.*
- (8) The Parent or Guardian is here to inscribe his Name. If the Parent or Guardian be unable to write his Name he is to sign by Mark; but this Mark must be witnessed by some respectable third party.
- (9) Insert the Name of the Parent or Guardian.
- (10) Insert “him” or “her.”
- (11) Insert the Name of the Parent or Guardian.
- (12) Insert “he” or “she.”
- (13) Insert the Name of the Parent or Guardian.
- (14) Insert the Name of the Teacher.

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Roll No., \_\_\_\_\_ School, \_\_\_\_\_ County, \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name of Teacher who gives Religious Instruction, \_\_\_\_\_  
 Religious Denomination of do., \_\_\_\_\_

## CERTIFICATE OF PARENT OR GUARDIAN.

[In case a Parent or Guardian should wish his Child to receive Religious Instruction from a Teacher who is of a different Religious Denomination from the Child, or from a Teacher who gives any Religious Instruction different from that which is in accordance with the Creed of the Child, the following Certificate is to be made by such Parent or Guardian.]

I (<sup>1)</sup>) \_\_\_\_\_ being the (<sup>2)</sup>) \_\_\_\_\_ of (<sup>3)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_  
 who is registered by me as (<sup>4)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_  
 in the School Register of the (<sup>5)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_  
 National School, hereby certify that it is my desire that the said (<sup>6)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_  
 shall receive instruction in (<sup>7)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_  
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during the time set apart for Religious Instruction.

Signature of Parent or Guardian (<sup>8)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_  
 Witness, if signed by "Mark," \_\_\_\_\_  
 Dated \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 18 \_\_\_\_\_

## CERTIFICATE OF TEACHER.

I hereby certify that before (<sup>9)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ signed the above Certificate  
 I read aloud to (<sup>10)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ the following Rule of the COMMISSIONERS OF NATIONAL  
 EDUCATION:—

"No Pupil who is registered by its Parents or Guardians as a Protestant is to be permitted to remain in attendance during the time of Religious Instruction in case the Teacher giving such instruction is a Roman Catholic; and no Pupil who is registered by its Parents or Guardians as a Roman Catholic is to be permitted to remain in attendance during the time of Religious Instruction in case the Teacher giving such instruction is not a Roman Catholic. And, further, no Pupil is to be permitted to remain in attendance during the time of any Religious Instruction to which its Parents or Guardians object."

"Provided, however, that in case any Parent or Guardian shall express his desire that his Child should receive any particular Religious Instruction, and shall record such desire in a Book to be provided in the School, when necessary for that purpose, this prohibition shall not apply to the time during which such religious instruction only is given." The entry in the Book shall be signed with the name or mark of the Parent or Guardian, and the Book shall be submitted to the Inspector so often as he visits the School.

"Such expression of desire may at any time be revoked by the Parent or Guardian, and shall thereupon become inoperative"—Part I., Sec. IV., Part 10.

And I further certify that I believe when the said (<sup>11)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_  
 signed the above Certificate (<sup>12)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ had a full apprehension of the meaning and  
 force of the Rule, and also of the true intent and object of the Certificate.

Signature of Teacher \_\_\_\_\_  
 Dated \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 18 \_\_\_\_\_

## CERTIFICATE OF INSPECTOR.

I hereby certify that I have examined the Certificate of (<sup>13)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_  
 and also of the Teacher (<sup>14)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ above set forth, and  
 that I am satisfied as to the genuineness of each.

Signature of Inspector \_\_\_\_\_  
 Dated \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 18 \_\_\_\_\_

## RETURN RELATING TO RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION

## — III. —

COPY of QUERY, if any, introduced into the form of INSPECTOR'S REPORT, with a view to record the Observance or Neglect of the Rules as to the Certificate Book.

In the secondary No. 1 form of report, the following note was introduced after the query: Are the Board's rules observed as to religious exercises and use of books of religious instruction?

"(Note if the Board's rule referring to the use of the certificate book, spoken of in Part I., s. IV. par. 15, is attended to.)"

In the primary form of report, the same note was introduced after the query relating to religious exercises.

In the secondary No. 2 form of report, the following query was introduced:—

"Are the Board's rules observed as to the use of certificate book?"

## — IV. —

RETURN of all SCHOOLS in which CERTIFICATES have been used, giving the following Particulars:—

COUNTY.	Ball Number of School.	PARISH.	Name of School.	Total Number of Children under Certificates on the Rolls as for 1st May 1872.		
				Brown Catholics directed by Certificate to receive Religious Instruction from Protestant Teachers.	Protestants directed by Certificate to receive Religious Instruction from Brown Catholic Teachers.	
Antirin	9,082	Ballymoney	-	Wesley place -	-	1
	9,051	Dunluce	-	Ballytoher -	-	2
	9,018	Billy	-	Mayoonly -	-	1
	9,067	Dramtallagh	-	Messide -	-	1
	9,281	Roscarra	-	Buckin, Upper -	-	1
	9,474	Ahaghill	-	Bridgend -	-	1
	9,501	Ditto	-	Ballymena, Model -	-	1
	99	Kirkintiels	-	Clinty -	-	2
	9,190	Dromsandal	-	Candy -	-	1
	10,060	Dunaghy	-	Dunaghy -	-	2
	9,570	Agashill	-	Glenlough -	-	2
	9,130	Tickmacrennan	-	Glenarm, In.	-	1
	9,746	Agashill	-	Galgorm, F.	-	2
	9,962	Dromsandal	-	Groggan -	-	2
	9,892	Dunaghy	-	Killyroe -	-	1
	9,563	Skerry	-	Little Ballymena -	-	9
	9,583	Rosavaan	-	Lisnamurkin -	-	5
	9,914	Ditto	-	Mulhressa -	-	5
	9,355	Agashill	-	Straid -	-	1
	9,265	Ditto	-	Tullygawley -	-	1
	9,140	Dromsandal	-	Terrygoran -	-	2
	9,583	Fivroy	-	Carrowreagh -	-	1
	9,080	Raskarkin	-	Dromore -	-	1
	9,317	Ditto	-	Dunmainning -	-	2
	10,201	Fivroy	-	Vow -	-	1
	9,896	St. Nicholas	-	Aldso -	-	3
	9,354	Ralo	-	Ballyrickardbeg -	-	2
	95	Ditto	-	Ballyvallenagh -	-	2
	9,779	Shankill	-	Carehill -	-	2
	10,329	Carrikfergus	-	Carrikfergus, F.	-	1
	10,330	Ditto	-	In.	-	2
	9,673	Ditto	-	Eden, In.	-	2
	95	Glynn	-	Glynn Village -	-	2
	7,379	Ralo	-	Gleene -	-	2
	9,178	Carcostle	-	Killyden -	-	1
	97	St. Nicholas	-	Loughmores, No. 1.	-	4
	99	Glynn	-	Mallaghmoosin -	-	1
	9,711	Shankill	-	York St. Malo -	-	1
	9,386	Ditto	-	Academy St. M.	-	2
	9,369	Ditto	-	Kent St. M.	-	2
	9,728	Ditto	-	Brown St. In.	-	1
	9,615	Derryraghy	-	Stonyford -	-	4
	61	Killead	-	Carmarthy -	-	1
				TOTAL -	-	81

## IN NATIONAL SCHOOLS IN IRELAND.

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COUNTY.	Ball Number of School.	PARISH.	Name of School.	Total Number of Children under Certificates on the Rolls on the 1st May 1873.	
				Roman Catholic directed by Certificate to receive Religious Instruction from Protestant Teachers.	Protestants directed by Certificate to receive Religious Instruction from Roman Catholic Teachers.
Antrim	9,272	Tertaraghan	Tertaraghan	1	—
	4,296	Killary	Drumhassagher, E.	1	—
	116	Dinis	Lissaueron	—	2
Down			TOTAL	2	2
	4,302	Knockbride	Gallis	—	13
	3,006	Dinis	Knockbride	—	3
	9,204	Dinis	Turfui	—	1
	7,219	Templeport	Ardens	—	8
	9,312	Killukane	Lurganature	—	3
	3,739	Mullagh	Fidderagh	—	3
	3,726	Ballyboher	Drumsarrow	1	—
			TOTAL	1	27
Donegal	7,626	Cloonca	Urbaena	—	9
	8,042	Anghinish	Rathmullan (Robinson)	1	—
	1,622	Convey	Broadpath	—	16
	6,054	Inver	Glascoagh, M.	—	6
	6,065	Ditis	ditis F.	—	1
	166	Clelnagh	Ballybegans	—	6
	9,204	Ditis	Blackrock	2	—
			TOTAL	4	56
Down	2,121	Douglasmore	Foartowne	1	—
	2,727	Killagh	Killinchy Woods	2	—
	2,568	Saintfield	Loggygreenan	5	—
	7,487	Ditis	Board Mills	1	—
			TOTAL	9	—
Fermanagh	5,704	Devish	Drumbegna	—	10
	6,302	Immaculata	Orrisk	—	9
	6,325	Ditis	Fasagh	—	7
	4,384	Devish	Derrygannonly	—	11
	2,058	Ditis	Mount	—	9
	1,742	Ditis	Linded	—	3
	7,017	Clonish	Cottage	—	96
	5,653	Ditis	Reedowney	—	11
	5,784	Ditis	Bellew	—	5
	2,574	Magheracross	Crossshan	—	91
	8,021	Ditis	Armaghfiart	—	15
	5,715	Deeryvallen	Irvinstown	—	23
	4,295	Ditis	Droga	—	9
	4,763	Ditis	Coolnaghs	—	23
	3,265	Ditis	Lisricavan	—	13
	5,794	Aghavea	Cheve	—	2
	5,723	Ditis	Drumcollion	2	—
	10,304	Eamiskilleen	Garvery	—	5
	1,740	Gallow	Kiltark	—	5
	10,496	Dranksenn	Boanagh	—	18
	2,076	Bellek	Townshers	—	7
	5,077	Dranksenn	Aghavea	—	9
	7,080	Bellick	Mullock	—	2
	7,086	Templecorne	Lector	1	—
	274	Enniskillen	Killes	—	6
			TOTAL	4	236
Londonderry	9,300	Coleraine	Coleraine (2), M	2	—
	2,696	Aghadoway	Aghadoway, M.	2	—
	6,677	Ditis	ditis F.	2	—
	6,225	Maoquin	Ballinter	2	—
	2,096	Kildalagh	Banhead	2	—
	6,228	Drumchass	Berrymore	1	—

## RETURN RELATING TO RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION

COUNTY.	Ball Number of School.	PARISH.	Name of School.	Total Number of Children under Certification on the Roll on the 1st May 1872.		
				Roman Catholic directed by Certificates to receive Religious Instruction from Protestant Teachers.	Protestant Direct by Certificates to receive Religious Instruction from Roman Catholic Teachers.	
Londonderry— continued.	2,416	Dunbee	Ailtkeeragh	-	-	20
	7,977	Tastagh O'Crilly	Boreddy	-	1	-
	7,770	Desertoghill	Bullagin	-	2	-
	9,054	Erigal	Belough	-	6	-
	4,054	Ballycullion	Ballyness, F.	-	-	-
	8,338	Ardee	Ballygarry	-	2	-
	8,867	Killes	Lisles, M.	-	2	3
	1,487	Tamlagh O'Crilly	Glenone, F.	-	-	-
	6,350	Erigal	Cah	-	2	-
	6,145	Desertoghill	Gortagillie	-	-	-
	3,867	Reaghier	Fincarr, M.	-	-	2
	2,868	Ditio	ditto, F.	-	-	2
	1,816	Glaesdermot	Resnagalla	-	-	23
			Total	-	94	57
				-	-	-
Monaghan		NIL				
Tyrone	403	Dromavay	Attaghmore	-	-	4
	4,749	Druoneagh	Augies	-	-	2
	7,922	Dromore	Bellisle	-	-	45
	8,556	Clogherney	Brackley, F.	-	-	1
	8,129	Dromore	Carley	-	-	22
	10,237	Dromavay	Coryvallen	-	-	7
	1,961	Dromore	Corbally	-	-	6
	6,723	Ditio	Dramlin	-	-	19
	5,295	Ditio	Ederny Hill	-	-	7
	5,260	Ditio	Eaker	-	-	9
	7,434	Ditio	Eakers	-	-	19
	5,767	Langfield, West	Lockagh	-	-	8
	5,368	Ternanagark	Mellaghstlin	-	-	1
	5,080	Clogherney	Roscovey	-	-	1
	5,054	Ditio	Teakmore	-	-	3
	4,584	Clogher	Kilshushogue	-	-	28
	6,263	Ardistrew	Begh	-	-	13
	5,785	Dougheady	Breedy	-	-	-
	5,593	Lower Bodoney	Gortea, Infant	-	9	-
	7,257	Densheady	Sandville	-	9	-
	2,757	Ardistrew	Tivany	-	-	3
	6,030	Ditio	Magheraculum	-	-	6
	1,194	Lissan	Carriagh	-	-	11
	9,755	Ellishill	Mulnahinch	-	-	16
	451	Kildress	Glossaney	-	-	8
	8,245	Ternanagark	Miltonow	-	-	5
	3,715	Kilsherry	Stranagower	-	-	4
	7,904	Ditio	Clancadra	-	-	19
	5,176	Ditio	Feplish	-	-	2
	7,068	Ditio	Deunasharvey	-	-	-
			Total	-	12	242
Clare		NIL				
Cork						
Kerry						
Limerick	5,245	St. Michael's	Perry-square	-	-	1
	6,560	Rathkeale	St. Anna's	-	-	1
			Total	-	-	2
Tipperary	1,780	Team	Cappowhite	-	-	1
			Total	-	-	1
Waterford	4,613	Kilgobest	Ganabane	-	-	1
			Total	-	-	1

## IN NATIONAL SCHOOLS IN IRELAND.

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COUNTY.	Roll Number of School.	PARISH.	Name of School.	Total Number of Children under Certificates on the Rolls on the 1st May 1872.	
				Roman Catholic directed by Certificate to receive Religious Instruction from Protestant Teachers.	Protestants directed by Certificate to receive Religious Instruction from Roman Catholic Teachers.
Cavan	-	-	Nil.	-	-
Dolin	3,663	Taney	Miltown, P.	-	2
	9,545	Rathmichael	Tillystown	-	1
			TOTAL	-	3
Donegal	-	-	Nil.	-	-
Down	-	-	-	-	-
Drogheda	-	-	-	-	-
Louth	3,680	Dromiskin	Dromiskin, P.	-	1
	7,378	Louth	Louth, No. 2	2	-
			TOTAL	2	1
Meath	-	-	Nil.	-	-
Queen's	-	-	-	-	-
West Meath	-	-	-	-	-
Waterford	9,047	St. Mary's	New Ross, P. S.	-	2
Wexford	-	-	Nil.	-	-
Galway	3,403	Killiscoote	Meelagh, M.	-	1
	3,522	Kileamna	Oughterard, P. 2	-	3
			TOTAL	-	3
Leitrim	7,397	Kiltashil	Finshleagh	-	6
	1,980	Ditto	Liscorban	-	2
	4,407	Ditto	Kilcloisey	-	5
			TOTAL	-	11
Mayo	-	-	Nil.	-	-
Monaghan	3,593	Kilcooleagh	Knocklask	-	1
Sligo	1,629	Easkey	Clooneenmore	-	3

## SUMMARY.

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Antrim - - -	81	—	Carlow - - -	—	—
Armagh - - -	2	7	Dublin - - -	—	3
Cavan - - -	1	27	Kilkenny - - -	—	—
Donegal - - -	4	35	King's - - -	—	—
Down - - -	9	—	Laois - - -	—	—
Fermanagh - - -	4	283	Louth - - -	—	1
Londonderry - - -	26	57	Meath - - -	—	—
Monaghan - - -	—	—	Queen's - - -	—	—
Tyrone - - -	12	242	Westmeath - - -	—	—
TOTAL - - -	187	609	Wexford - - -	—	2
			Wicklow - - -	—	—
			TOTAL - - -	2	6
Clare - - -	—	—	Galway - - -	—	—
Cork - - -	—	—	Limerick - - -	—	11
Kerry - - -	—	—	Mayo - - -	—	—
Limerick - - -	—	9	Roscommon - - -	—	1
Tipperary - - -	—	1	Sligo - - -	—	8
Waterford - - -	—	1	TOTAL - - -	—	18
TOTAL - - -	—	4	GRAND TOTAL - - -	189	637

## Analysis of Preceding Return.

Roman Catholic Pupils (Teachers being Protestant), 189.	Protestant Pupils (Teachers being Roman Catholic), 637.
7 receive religious instruction in accordance with their own creed.	500 receive religious instruction in accordance with their own creed.
3 have not received religious instruction in school for a considerable time past.	58 receive religious instruction not directly from the teachers, but from advanced pupils of their own creed, and in their own creed.
5 are cases in which certificates have not been acted on since April 1871, when a change of teachers took place.	10 have not received religious instruction for a considerable time past.
1 joins in "Scripture Extracts" of the Board only.	15 are merely nominal cases, no religious instruction being given.
9 join in sacred poetry of the Board only.	16 receive religious instruction different from their own creed, viz:-
7 are merely nominal cases, no religious instruction being given.	10 Roman Catholic Catechism.
100 receive religious instruction different from their own creed, viz:-	1 remains in school during time of religious instruction, and joins in the "Angelus."
12 Protestant Catechism.	4 remain in school during time of religious instruction.
62 Scriptures only.	
1 Apostles' Creed only.	
34 remain in school during time of religious instruction, and in some cases join in the Scripture exercises.	

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Copy of all Minutes and Resolutions from 1 May 1843 to the present Time, according to Changes of Officers or Presidents as to Executive Department; Date when the Committee Board of Sabbath Observance was first organized for entire Organization; Copy of such Board, and Copy of Constitution of Sabbath and Executive Tribunals; and Resolves of all Sessions in which Committees have been made up.

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